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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The allowance of claims 2-3, 6, 11, 12, 2/13 and 15 is acknowledged with appreciation. Since claim 6 has been allowed, claim 6/13 (claim 13 as it depends from 6) should also be allowable. Applicant assumes that this omission was simply an oversight.

In addition, applicant acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1, 4-5, 7-10, 1/13 and 14.

The only outstanding rejection relates to the definiteness of the claims. In particular, the Examiner has objected to the clarity of the term "very small nominal tension or almost without any tension". In this response, independent claim 1 has been amended to overcome this issue. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to clearly specify a limit for the maximum tension, namely "less than 5 N". This language is fully supported by original claim 10, which has been canceled. Therefore, there are no new issues presented by this amendment. It is submitted that claim 1 is now in condition for immediate allowance. Likewise, the claims that are dependent from claim 1 should also be in condition for allowance.

For the reasons noted, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration by the Examiner, entry of this amendment, and formal notification of the allowance of all claims are respectfully solicited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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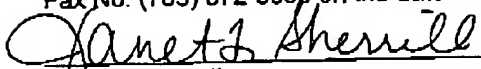


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